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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Zicker *et al.*  
 Application No: 09/978,127  
 Filed: October 16, 2001  
 Group Art Unit: 1614  
 Confirmation No: 3786  
 Examiner: Cybille Delacroix Muirhel  
 Date: October 6, 2005  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2005, please amend the Application and consider the Remarks as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks in support of the amendments to the Specification and Claims and in response to the Examiner's assertions begin on page 4 of this Response.

Applicants respectfully request an extension of time to permit filing of a Response within one (1) month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the Office Action. Please charge the \$120 fee required by 37 CFR §1.136 and §1.17 to Deposit Account Number 502957. Please charge any shortage in fees or credit any excess fees during the entire pendency of this Application to Deposit Account No. 502957.

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